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Ex parte: GARY S. SIMPSON and TIMOTHY B. DEAN

Application No. 10/088,541
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Before KRISTA ZELE *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*
ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator.*

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 12, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

A review of the file indicates that on April 26, 2007, Appellant filed an Amendment After Final in response to the Final Rejection mailed January 31, 2007. It is not clear whether this Amendment has been considered because an Advisory Action has not been mailed, thus failing to indicate whether or not the proposed amendment will or will not be entered for purposes of appeal. Clarification from the Examiner is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- (1) appropriately respond to the Amendment After Final;
- (2) submit a PTO-90 with a correct “Status of Amendments After Final” section—section 4 of the Examiner’s Answer; and
- (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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